



Hospice News

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Craven County Home Health-Hospice Agency

"A Time of Remembrance" Annual Hospice Memorial



Craven County Health Department Hospice held its annual memorial on Thursday December 8 at West New Bern Presbyterian Church. "A Time of Remembrance" is a non-denominational service held once a year to remember those who have received care from Craven County Health Department Hospice, and to provide support for their loved ones. This service provides an opportunity for families and Hospice team members to grieve together while paying tribute to those who have passed within the year.

This year's service featured Hospice Medical Director Dr. Sydney Barnwell as the introductory speaker, and Hospice Chaplain Rev. Angel Lorton who gave a short homily on Peace, Hope and Joy. Tracy McIlwean, RN, one of the Hospice nurses, sang a beautiful rendition of "Blessings" accompanied by Rev. Lorton on the keyboard.

The highlight of the service, though, was the "Reading of the Names". During this ceremony, each patient was honored by a family member standing and placing their memento on the Remembrance Tree as the patient's name

was called and a bell tolled. The placing of the ornament on the tree is offered as a process of healing and letting go. The ornament is a physical object to represent the person that will be greatly missed this Christmas. The beautiful mementos are hand embroidered by the Tryon Chapter of the Embroiderers Guild of America and given to each family after being displayed on a tree in the window of the Four C's Shop on Middle St.



After the service, a reception was held in the Fellowship Hall with an array of refreshments provided by the Hospice Volunteers.



The annual memorial service is always meaningful and memorable. Hospice staff, volunteers and families come together to remember, heal and to honor the memory of those we have cared for.

Memorial Cider

Ingredients

- 1 Gallon of Apple Cider
- 1 liter (1/3 –3 liter) Lemonade
- 1-7oz. pkg. of Red Hot candies

Directions

1. Put all ingredients in Crock Pot. Warm through for several hours.
2. Serve hot.

If you would like to make punch– cool cider and add 1 (3 liter) bottle of Cranberry Ginger Ale and ice and serve in Punch Bowl.



Craven County Hospice has been asked to start up a section in our newsletter listing different types of recipes. We plan to eventually have a Hospice Recipe Cookbook that everyone could enjoy. If interested in sending in your recipe, please mail to: Craven County Home Health-Hospice PO Drawer 12610 New Bern, NC 28561 or e-mail your recipe along with a picture to: jwhitley@cravencountync.gov



Craven County Health Department Hospice presented books on grief and bereavement to the New Bern Craven County Library on Thursday November 10th. The books were presented in honor of National Hospice Month including a one- "Widow to Widow" by Genevieve Davis Ginsburg, that has proven very helpful to past attendees of the Grief Support Groups which are held periodically throughout the year.

Wine and Design Fundraiser



The first ever *Wine and Design* fundraiser was held on Nov.6 at the Trent River Coffee Company. *Wine and Design*, a company out of Raleigh, donated 20% of all proceeds from the event. They came and set up, brought supplies and provided the instruction for each participant to paint a picture to take home. The owner of the Coffee Company, Mr. Ed Ruiz, graciously donated the space for the event. 40 people participated in the fundraiser having a great time, painting a picture, drinking some wine, and sharing some laughs. What a great way to support Hospice!



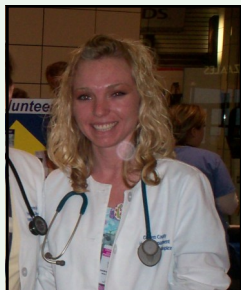
Events to Look Forward to...

February "Bereavement Support Group Sessions"

10:30 a.m. February 21 Hospice Medical Social Worker, Justine Cabrera will be holding a series of workshops for bereaved individuals. They will start on Tuesday February 21, 2012 and continue once a week thru March 27th. There is no cost and all are welcome to come. Call 636-4930 for more information.

New Faces at CCHD

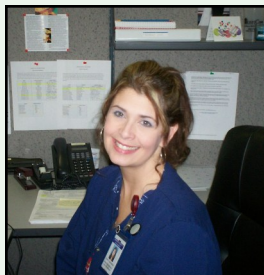
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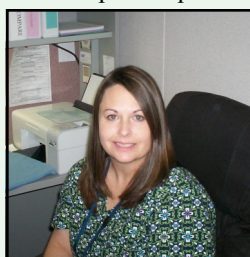
Congratulations to
Courtney Gatlin, RN
the new Hospice Supervisor



Kiouna Hills, LPN



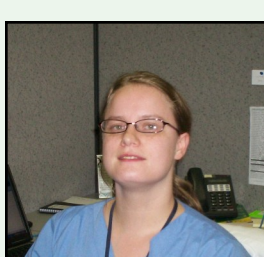
Tracy McIlwean, RN



Margie Rosado, RN



Sadie Spencer, RN



Shannon Arthur, RN

Angels among us

Dad kept calling her “Mary”. It wasn’t her name but she didn’t mind. She came every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for several weeks. She bathed him, shaved him, changed the linens on his bed and dressed him in fresh clothing, all the things that made it possible for us to keep him at home during his final days.

I wondered at how someone could work at a job like that– the tasks she performed are so intimate and she did it in such a professional and caring way. Then I figured it out. Hospice aides are part angel-doing their bit for us here on earth while they’re here too.

Thank you , everyone who works for or volunteers for hospice in our area. The respect and care you show your patients will never be forgotten by those who love them.

-Reprinted from a letter to the editor,
in the **New Bern Sun Journal**

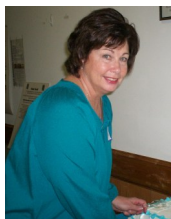
23rd Annual Pig Pickin’



Craven County Health Department held its 23rd annual Pig Pickin’ on November 16, 2011. The event is an annual function to celebrate National Hospice Month. It is given to show our appreciation of the staff and volunteers and give the families of our patients the opportunity to socialize with them again. A great big Thank You goes out to the New Bern Elks Lodge and members for once again sponsoring this event and taking time out of their busy schedules to do so. The Pig Pickin’ was held at the Elks Lodge and they provided the us with a delicious meal and wonderful surroundings. Table decorations were potted pansies which were given to the winners at each table. Many people had the

opportunity to reconnect with our staff and each other and make new friends. Once again the Elks provided Craven County Health Department with delicious food and a wonderful event for National Hospice Month.

Joan Whitley, Volunteer Coordinator, cuts the cake donated by Walmart.



Justine Cabrera, Hospice Social Worker
with volunteer Morag Cheesman.



Dr. Barnwell with Volunteer Janie Williams ..

Hospice Memorials

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Richard Carhart

Beverly Dibert, Richard Taylor.
And Marilyn and Harold Searcy
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Eckley
John and Darlene Prentice

"We are very thankful for the tender care that (he) received from all of the staff. Thank you for all of the things you did to make his life's end easier."

-A Hospice patient's family

Donation to Hospice

Alton R. Lamm, Jr.
Grace A. Gumbrecht
Johnnie Burtscher
Mary Slaughter
Mr. and Mrs. John Riesbeck
Wine and Design
Robert and Patricia Nicholson
Frederick and Chantal Huestis
Adele Hauck
Christopher and Ann Badenoch
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Catherine Stilley

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Peter Conzelman

Gail and Herman Schiller
Robert and Lois Gregory
Gail and Gene Krielow
Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club
A.M. and V.M. Sampson
Craig and Kelly Austin
Fairfield Harbour Chorus
Patricia Rivett
William and Nancy Ritchie
Craven County Republican Men's Club
Robert and Ruth Mitchell
Morag Cheesman
D.L. Blaine & Co., LLC
Howard and Nancy Savage
H. and Marcia Keibel
H.J. and Natalie Wild
Sharon and Charles Henke
Tidewater Carolina Seniors Golf Assoc.
Olwen and Bill Jarvis
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lelli
Jan Meehan
Martin and Mary Olstad
George and Nancy McTague

"I want everyone to know that worked with me and my family how grateful I am for all the kindness, gentleness, thoughtfulness, and professional care you provided to us from start to finish— you all are just great."

-A Hospice patient's family

Frank Vastola

James and Janet Wilson

Jordan Horne

Margaret Crann
Rosemary Sloan
Louis and Laura Colombo
Walter and Eleanor Kelly
Margaret and Donald Craft
Roger Orr
Margaret Horne
Robert and Mary Jane Robinson
F. and N. Sciara
River Bend Ladies Golf Association
Albert and Emily Otto
Men's Golf Association of River Bend
Carol and John Prebula
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cunningham
Freelen and Barbara Fraley
Dr. and Mrs. John Andrews/
Dr. Jed Andrews
Michael and Kathleen Sabo
Timothy and Christine Kelly
Herbert and Mary Bodine
Ted and Audrey Robbins
Carolyn Paderick

"Thank you more than words can say for the wonderful support and care your provide."

-A Hospice patient's family

Carol Armentrout

Robert and Barbara Campbell
V22 Osprey Team/
Mr. Roger Clowers
Robert Armentrout



Donations to Craven County Health Dept. Home Health-Hospice

The donations you send in to our agency are vital to our Hospice patients. Hospice is a service of Craven County Health Department Home Health Hospice Agency, a non-profit organization. Your donations will go to in-need Hospice patients for supplies that they might require like respite, medications, services, equipment, etc.

Mail your check to:

Craven County Health Department Home Health-Hospice
PO Drawer 12610
New Bern, NC 28561

"Too often we under-estimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. -- "

Dr. Felice Leonardo Buscaglia



Hospice Wish List

Thanks for all the donations of sheets, monitors and equipment.

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Hospice is a coordinated palliative and supportive care (physical, psychological, social and spiritual) for dying persons and their families. Services are provided in the home by an interdisciplinary team of professionals and volunteers. Bereavement care is available to the family.